

CLAIMS

1        1. A fuel vapor processing system, comprising:  
2              a fuel tank;  
3              a canister for absorbing fuel vapor produced from said fuel tank;  
4              a first passage communicating a nominal full level of said fuel tank at one end  
5 thereof with said canister at the other end thereof;  
6              a float valve provided at the fuel tank end of said first passage;  
7              a second passage communicating a part slightly higher than said nominal full level  
8 of said fuel tank at one end thereof with said canister at the other end thereof;  
9              a check valve provided at the fuel tank end of said second passage;  
10             wherein said check valve comprises a low set-pressure valve that opens at a first  
11 threshold pressure P1 substantially corresponding to a tank full state, a high set-pressure  
12 valve that opens at a second threshold pressure P2 higher than said first threshold pressure  
13 P1 and is connected in parallel with said low set-pressure valve, said high set-pressure valve  
14 being able to provide a larger flow rate than said low set-pressure valve.

1        2. A fuel vapor processing system according to claim 1, wherein said low  
2             set-pressure valve and high set-pressure valve are disposed coaxially to each other.

1        3. A fuel vapor processing system according to claim 1, wherein said low  
2             set-pressure valve and high set-pressure valve are disposed laterally one next to the other.

1        4. A fuel vapor processing system according to claim 1, wherein each of said low  
2             set-pressure valve and high set-pressure valve is provided with a valve chamber

3           communicating with a canister end of the corresponding passage, a port communicating  
4           with a fuel tank end of the corresponding passage, a valve member adapted to selectively  
5           close said port, and a spring member resiliently urging said valve member against said port.

1           5.       A fuel vapor processing system according to claim 4, wherein said valve member  
2           of said high set-pressure valve is cup-shaped, and defines said port of said low set-pressure  
3           valve in a bottom wall thereof, and said valve member and spring member of said low  
4           set-pressure valve is received inside said valve member of said high set-pressure valve.